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Going-to-the-Sun Road – Information for 2006

After years of planning and public involvement, the historic landmark Going-to-the-Sun Road is receiving much needed attention and rehabilitation. Planning, repair and rehabilitation of the Going-to-the-Sun Road has been underway since 1988; however, comprehensive treatment of the alpine section starts in 2006. The 2006 road improvements include construction of a new retaining wall east of Logan Pass where steep eroded slopes have undermined the road edge. In addition, the work includes rock bolting, drainage improvements, slope stabilization, and guardwall and retaining wall rehabilitation. Repair of recent road damage below the east side tunnel will also be added to this contract where the outer lane was undercut in Sept. 2005 as a result of heavy rains.

The National Park Service and its partner, the Federal Highway Administration, made a commitment to maintain 'shared use' of the road throughout the rehabilitation process. As a result, during the peak visitor season (mid-June to mid-September) there will only be temporary delays.

Mid-June – mid-September 2006, the following schedule will be in effect during this peak visitor season:

- Weather and road conditions permitting, the entire 50-mile Going-to-the-Sun Road will be open for two-way motorized traffic.
- Visitors may expect a maximum of 30-minute delays for a one-way trip across the Going-to-the-Sun Road during peak hours (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.)
- During non-peak hours, (8 – 10 a.m. and 3 – 8 p.m.) travelers may experience up to 1-hour delays for a one-way trip across the Going-to-the-Sun Road.
- Definitive nighttime delays are unknown at this time; however, delays may occur between 8 p.m. – 8 a.m.

Mid-September 2006 – Mid-June 2007, the following schedule will be in effect during the shoulder and winter seasons:

- Portions of the upper Going-to-the-Sun Road may not be accessible for motorized vehicle use as contractors accelerate rehabilitation roadwork.
- Except when closed by weather conditions, Logan Pass will be accessible for vehicles from at least one side.
- Non-motorized public access will oftentimes be allowed on segments of the Going-to-the-Sun Road that are not open for motorized vehicle traffic.

Additional information about the rehabilitation of Going-to-the-Sun Road, tour operations within the park, alternative transportation and other visitor information is available at <http://www.nps.gov/glac/sunroad/whatsup.htm>

In 2007, Glacier National Park will implement a variety of new visitor services in coordination with the long-range Going-to-the-Sun Road rehabilitation. These options will include a Going-to-the-Sun Road shuttle system and transit facilities, interpretive wayside exhibits along the roadway and other technological communications improvements such as real-time information on traffic conditions, and shuttle locations. These new services will 1) provide a broader, more user-friendly visitor experience during the ongoing road improvements, 2) lessen impact on the cultural and natural environment and surrounding gateway communities, and 3) preserve for future generations the priceless resource and engineering marvel that is the Going-to-the-Sun Road.

To receive Going-to-the-Sun Road updates, please send an email message to glac_news_releases@nps.gov

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